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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: Andreas Kull

For: SPINDLE MOTOR FOR HARD DISK DRIVES HAVING A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING ARRANGEMENT

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification, abstract and claims (12 pages)
2. ☒ 1 sheets of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawings (Fig. 1)
Suggested Figure for Publication: _____
3. ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
☐ signed ☒ unsigned
☐ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☐ The prior application is assigned to: _____
The assignment was recorded on _____ at reel _____ and frame _____.
☐ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.

9. ☐ Non-Publication Request
10. ☐ Other: Certificate of Limited Recognition Under 37 CFR § 10.9(b).

NOTE the following:

11. ☐ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional
of Prior Application No. _____ filed _____
12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.
13. Small Entity Status:
☐ Applicant is a small entity
☐ Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper
14. ☒ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:
15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy Encl.</u>
20219216.4	Germany	December 12, 2002	Yes

16. ☐ Cancel claims _____ prior to calculation of the filing fee.

FILING FEE: calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$770.00
Total No. Claims	Extra Claims(Total-20)	Fee / claim	
9	0	\$18.00	\$0
Total No. Independent Claims	Extra Independ.(No.-3)	Fee / claim	
1	0	\$84.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claim? + \$280			\$0
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Small Entity? less 50%			0
TOTAL FEE DUE			\$770.00

17. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).
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